HCU2 user's guide

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Information to user (47CFR section 15.21)

The user is cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved by Renishaw plc or authorised representative could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Equipment label (47CFR section 15.19)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference

2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Introduction

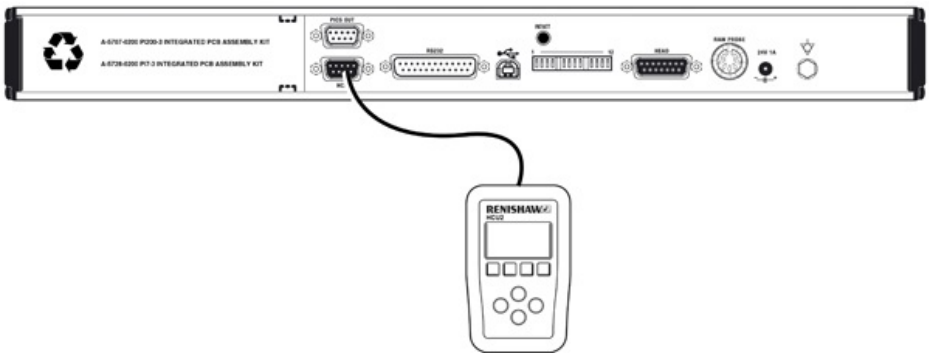
The HCU2 is a hand control unit for use with all Renishaw PH10 motorised probe head systems.

HCU2 enables the probe head to be used in a manual mode and is invaluable for component set-up, operator-controlled inspection and teach cycle programming. HCU2 has a two-speed action, with a choice of jog or sweep moves. The LCD screen provides head angle and system status information as well as error analysis.

A transmit button is provided for teach cycle programming. The unit comes complete with probe DAMPing and probe reset functions. The unit is supplied with a 5 m long cable, which can be extended to up to 25 m if required.

Installation

HCU2 is plugged into the 9-way ‘D' socket marked HCU on the rear panel of the motorised probe head controller as shown below.



Using HCU2

Layout

Key	Description
1	Display
2	Beep on / off button
3	Probe function buttons (see 'Probe functions')
4	Direction buttons
5	Teach button

Manual and automatic modes

Manual and automatic modes are selected by the CMM computer.

Manual mode

In manual mode, the HCU2 is used to control the motorised head, to set probe functions or send teach point commands.

The display indicates MANUAL.

If the HCU2 is connected to the motorised head controller before power is applied, the system will power up in manual mode.

Automatic mode

In automatic mode the motorised head system is under control of the CMM computer.

The display indicates AUTO.

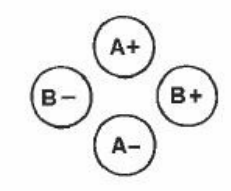
The HCU2 displays information, but it is not possible to use it to move the head or set probe functions.

If the HCU2 is not connected to the motorised head controller when power is applied, the system will enter automatic mode.

Jog move

This feature is used to move the probe head in single steps.

Press and immediately release the appropriate direction key.



The head will unlock and the LCD will display ACTIVE. The head will rotate by a single 7.5° step.

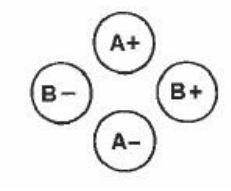
If the direction key is pressed again before the head begins to lock, the head will rotate by another 7.5° step.

If no further keys are pressed, the head will lock, the LCD will display READY and the motorised head will be ready for measurement.

Sweep move

This feature is used to move the probe head in one continuous movement.

Press and hold down the appropriate direction key.



The head will unlock, and the LCD will display ACTIVE. The head will rotate by a single 7.5° step.

After a short delay the head will continue to rotate in this direction until either the key is released or the axis limit is reached.

There will be another short delay, then the head will lock and the LCD will display READY.

Teach signal

The T (transmit) key is used to send a signal to the CMM computer.

The action and use of this signal are dependent on the integration of this function by your CMM supplier.

When the operator is “teaching” the CMM a sequence of positions to follow, the T key is pressed to signal that a required position has been reached. It can also be used to instruct the CMM computer to memorise the angle of the probe head during a teach cycle.

Please refer to the relevant CMM-specific documentation provided by your CMM supplier for details of the use of the T key.

Probe functions

Probe reset

NOTE: The probe reset function is only available if it has been integrated by your CMM supplier.

Some Renishaw probe interfaces have a probe reset button mounted on the front panel. The function of this button is to reset the probe sensor to a seated condition, for instance following a manual stylus change. This button has been reproduced on the HCU2 for ease of access. Probe reset is only available from the HCU2 if the motorised probe head is in manual mode.

Please refer to your probing system user's guide or to your CMM supplier for details of the use of this feature.

CAUTION: This button should only be pressed when the probe is physically seated and clear of the workpiece.

Probe DAMPing

Probe DAMPing is a feature of your Renishaw probe interface which reduces the sensitivity of the probing system and helps to reduce unwanted triggering caused by CMM acceleration or vibration during position moves.

It is normally used by the CMM computer to filter unwanted triggers during automatic position moves.

The HCU2 enables probe DAMPing to be set manually to eliminate unwanted triggers during manual position moves. Probe DAMPing is only available from the HCU2 if the motorised head system is in manual mode. In automatic mode probe DAMPing is controlled from the CMM aplication software and motorised head controller and this key has no effect.

The DAMP key toggles between probe DAMPing ON and OFF.

Probe DAMPing display summary

System mode	Probe DAMPing	HCU2 LCD display
Manual or automatic	OFF	
Manual or automatic	ON	DAMPED

CAUTION: Probe DAMPing must be switched off when measurement points are being taken. Use of probe DAMPing during measurement will significantly affect measurement accuracy.

Audible key press confirmation

It is possible to switch on an audible indicator which emits a tone when any key is pressed. The Audible key toggles between audible tone ON and OFF.

The HCU2 powers up with the audible indicator OFF.

Effect of PICS STOP

If a PICS STOP signal is sent to the motorised head system by the CMM controller while it is in manual mode, the motorised head will react as follows:

Manual mode STOP reactions

Action	Reaction	Removal of STOP
STOP sent while direction key on HCU2 is being pressed.	Continuous head movement immediately disabled. Head will continue to move in single steps. Head will lock up as normal when movement key released.	Continuous movement enabled.
Direction key on HCU2 pressed after STOP has been sent.	Single step manual movement only. Head will lock up as normal when movement key released.	Continuous movement enabled.

HCU2 error reporting

The HCU2 LCD display gives information on head and system errors.

Datum error

Fault	The motorised probe head has not locked up to the required level of accuracy.
Action	Refer to your motorised head user's guide for further information concerning this error condition.

Obstruct error

Fault	The motorised probe head has been obstructed while rotating to the required position.
Action	Refer to your motorised head user's guide for further information concerning this error condition.

Overload error

Fault	The motorised probe head head has been overloaded during a machine quill move.
Action	Refer to your motorised head user's guide for further information concerning this error.

Head not present

Fault	The motorised head is not electrically connected to the probe head controller.
Action	Check the head is electrically connected. Check cable integrity. Contact your CMM supplier for further assistance.

HCU2 not recognised

Fault	There is a communications error between the HCU2 and the motorised head controller.
Action	Check cable connections. Contact your Renishaw representative for further assistance.

No response from controller

Fault	There is a communications error between the HCU2 and the probe head controller.
Action	Check the cable connections. Return both units to your Renishaw representative for service.

System error

Fault	Internal motorised head system failure.
Action	No user recovery action. Return motorised head to your Renishaw representative for service.

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